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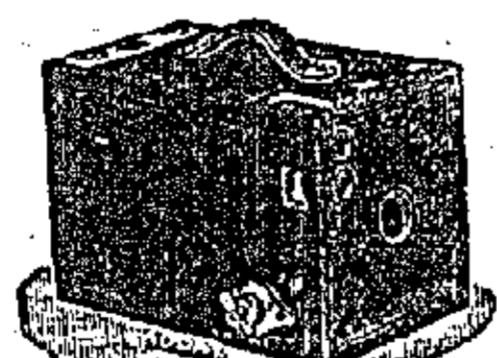
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Rev. HARRISON K. WILSON, of a son.
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DEATHS.His Highness Prince Azizz Hassan, of Egypt,
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Kowloon, the guest of Mr. Maze, acting
Commissioner of Customs.The N. C. Daily News, replying to some
observations recently made in this journal,
appears to quarrel more with the style than
the matter of our comments on municipal
affairs in the northern port. This attitude
is unusual with our contemporary, and
scarcely consistent with its habitual dignity.
However, we are indeed glad to hear that
we were misinformed as to the revenue said
to be derived from questionable sources;
and that the charge against the Shanghai
Council, which we quoted from another
Shanghai paper, was a scurrilous one. Our
contemporary has evidently slipped in char-
acterising as an absurdity the supposition
that any police in the world would fix a
date beforehand for a raid. We cannot
believe that the Shanghai police fix the
date after the event.Small lots of Crown land will be auctioned at
Tai-po on Thursday.Dr. George King, of the Peking Syndicate,
in Honan, North China, is reported to have
died of pneumonia.The weekly return of communicable diseases
in the Colony shows one European case of
scarlet fever and one Chinese case of smallpox.Return of visitors to the City Hall Library
and Museum for the week ending the 25th De-
cember, 1904, were 219 non-Chinese and 111
Chinese to the former, and \$4 non-Chinese and
130 Chinese to the latter institution.We have received from Mr. Herbert L. Beer,
of Weihsien, a report of the recent prize dis-
tribution at the school there. We quoted from
the report after it appeared in the N.C. Daily
News on December 5th. The report now reaches
us in a particularly tasteful pamphlet printed
at the N.C. Herald office.tion in the amount of the monthly rent. On
the contrary, we are assured that there are
signs of a very appreciable, but not appreci-
ated, increase in the landlords' levies. It
is quite reasonable, having regard to the
correct definition of dearness, to suggest that
in regarding Hongkong house rents as
excessive, the local rent payers are in error.
All the same, such a suggestion will prob-
ably be received with both surprise and
incredulity. It has to be remembered that
there is more than one circumstance to take
into reckoning. It is not a question only
of supply and demand. Upkeep and repairs
are more expensive than at Home, and it is
by comparison with Home rates that the
tenant here acquires the impression that he
is being imposed upon. Then, too, the
value of money being greater, the investor
in house property has a natural
right to expect returns to some degree
commensurate with those enjoyed by
the holders of other forms of investment.Taking as examples the men of small
income, the European clerk say, with salary
at \$175 a month, he must pay, at Kowloon,
for the most modest domicile suiting his
condition, from \$50 to \$67 a month. The
same person at Home would get a similarly
appropriate dwelling for 30s. to £2 a month,
but he would receive only, at the handsomest
computation, something like £9 a month as
salary. Thus, the margin left after the
initial outlay to the Hongkong clerk is
more than half his income, while at Home
the balance available for other needs is con-
siderably over the three-fourths. This would
appear to demonstrate the truth of the
statement as to the dearness of Hongkong
rentals. What has been said must, how-
ever, be qualified in several important
particulars. In arriving at Home figures, we
have quoted provincial rents and maximum
salaries. As a matter of fact, the \$175 and
\$200 clerk at Hongkong would find keen
competition for his Home situation at £5
a month; while in a city of the size and
commercial importance of Hongkong he
could not hope to find a conveniently
situated house for anything like the rents
we have mentioned. Train or bus fares
would probably about balance the fiscal or
chair expenses here, taking the figures in
proportion. Keeping still to the same
incomes, we may assume that the
colonial clerk has the advantage. Many
of his necessities, and more of his
luxuries, are cheaper. He may, if he
chooses, live better, and save more
for a rainy day, than his desk-enslaved
colleague at Home can ever hope to do.
There is, of course, the question of domestic
service. A wife cannot, if she would, play the
drudge out here that she does at Home, so
that the cost of servants' hire has to be faced
by the married man of modest income.
That he has so often, in Hongkong, to share
his roof with others, to meet the rent diffi-
culty, is a much less trying feature than the
common necessity at Home, in like circum-
stances, of taking in lodgers. Considerations
such as these should moderate some
of the expressions of discontent so frequently
heard locally.The Japan papers were misled in reporting
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Master that information had been received that
the hulk *Eric J. Ray* was abandoned off the
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derelict and a danger to navigation.North China Daily News telegrams published
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lot of valuable charts and documents. He was
on parole at Shanghai.The demand by the Shanghai Taotai for the
removal of two Russian marines charged with
murdering a Chinaman was telegraphically
reported in this paper a week ago. The
N.C. Daily News explains that he proposed to
try the men by "In criminal law."Two Austrian sailors were charged, before Mr.
F. A. Hazland at the Police Court yesterday
morning, with behaving in a riotous and
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the N.Y.K.S. *Owari Maru*, 1016 tons gross,
was driven ashore in a gale, at Nemuro in
Hokkaido. All on board were saved.A Tientsin native paper states that certain
Germans have lately been purchasing horses in
Lamamiao, the great mart in Mongolia, and have
already sent about a hundred towards
Mukden way. As these Germans say that
they desire to purchase five hundred more it
has aroused the suspicion of the Waiwu and
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HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held in the Board Room yesterday afternoon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson presided, and there were also present the Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones, the Hon. Mr. A. W. Brewin, Col. W. E. Webb, R.A.M.C., Mr. Fung Wa Chun, Mr. F. J. Baddeley, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. E. A. Hewett, Mr. A. Rumjahn, Mr. H. F. Pollock, K.C., Dr. F. Clarke, Dr. H. Macfarlane, Dr. P. Barnett and Mr. Urne (Assistant Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

A MOTION.

The PRESIDENT, pursuant to notice, moved that the Board, with the approval of His Excellency the Governor, appoint Police Sergeant Robert Fenton, a Sanitary Inspector for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the by-laws for the "Prevention or mitigation of epidemic, endemic or contagious disease."

Mr. LAU CHU PAK seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

CHINESE METHOD OF SLAUGHTERING.

The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, in a minute to the Board, wrote:—The large animals, water buffaloes, are shot at Kennedy Town by a service rifle and at Hungloum by a Winchester carbine. These are used by the Inspector only.

Pattern hammer poleaxes were made locally after the English pattern, but were not a great success. The butchers had not the dexterity required. A heavier and modified form was substituted and these now work satisfactorily.

Mr. E. A. HEWETT minuted—I should like to have an official statement from the C.V.S. that the present pattern of poleaxe is of the best pattern suitable for use here. What we have to aim at is that animals slaughtered for food are done to death as humanely, and with as little pain as possible.

The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon again minuted.—The poleaxe in use produces complete unconsciousness instantaneously, and is, so far as I know, the most suitable weapon for use by Chinese butchers. The effectiveness in producing death with a minimum of suffering is quite equal to the English pattern. The reason why the English pattern was not a success is that the English butcher strikes his blow with a swing as in golf playing, whereas the Chinese butcher strikes his blow overhead in the same way as a fore hammer is used by a blacksmith. The English pattern was therefore too light for use here by Chinese unless with a training that meant an infliction of suffering which it was our object to avoid.

OPEN SPACE.

There was an application for a modification of the requirements of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance in respect of No. 8, Chung Ching Street.

The PRESIDENT moved, Mr. A. RUMJAHN seconded, and it was agreed that the application be granted.

REBUILDING OLD HOUSES.

Another application was for a modification of the requirements in respect of No. 104, Jervois Street, and Nos. 8 and 10, Cleverly Street. The owner of these houses contemplated rebuilding the premises, and applied for exemption from provision of backyards as the houses would be fronting Jervois Street with Cleverly Street along the back and Kwai Wa Lane for a portion of the back. The houses were intended for a good class of tenants—not coolies.

Mr. Perkins, of the P.W.D., minuted that the case was exceptional, as the owner was being forced to pull down the present premises under notice from the Public Works Department. Therefore, it seemed harsh when they were forcing a man to rebuild the entire place, to also subject him to penalties for so doing by restricting his available building area. He would suggest that if a fire-proof floor was erected as a floor for the first floor the building might be exempted from open space on the ground floor which was practically shops, and that an open space of at least 100 square feet for the rest of the building be insisted on.

Dr. F. Clarke, M.O.H., in a minute, recommended that under the exceptional circumstances the Board require a yard of restricted area, about 100 square feet. This would involve no great hardship, the yard he suggested being less than one tenth of the site.

The Hon. Registrar-General minuted—Why is the owner being forced to pull down the building?

The Hon. D.P.W. minuted—Walls, in a dangerous condition, and after much pressure the architects agreed to pull down the entire premises, but pressed that some modification should be given in view of the fact that Government was insisting on pulling down the house which they held was not seriously defective.

The proposals are for really improved premises to those that exist at present, and the modification recommended by the M.O.H. should be granted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board approve the application with such modifications as recommended by the M.O.H.

Mr. F. J. BADELEY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

LANE AREA.

A third application was for a modification of the requirements in respect of Nos. 26, 28, 30, and 32, First Street. It was an application to allow a lane at the rear of the mentioned houses to count towards the open area as required by the Ordinance. The applicant also asked for exemption from the provisions of a scavenging lane, as an open lane of ten feet in width had been provided entirely by the owner of the property.

Dr. F. Clarke, M.O.H., recommended that all that portion of the lane in excess of six feet in width required by the Ordinance be allowed to count as open space in the rear, provided that a wall in the plan be removed.

The Hon. D.P.W. minuted—I agree with the M.O.H.

The PRESIDENT moved that the application be granted subject to the terms mentioned in the M.O.H.'s minute.

Mr. A. RUMJAHN seconded, and it was agreed to.

THE EUROPEAN RESERVATION.

There was also an application for a modification of the requirements in respect of No. 18, Caine Road. It was an application to erect a kitchen on the roof of the house.

Dr. B. Barnett, assistant M.O.H., in a minute, did not recommend exemption, as he thought it would form a bad precedent, and if the land in the rear was built over such a kitchen would obstruct the air from such houses. He thought that if a closed stove were used in the present kitchen the occupants of the house would not suffer from a smoky chimney.

Messrs. E. A. Hewett and the Captain Superintendent of Police minuted—Refuse.

The Hon. Registrar-General minuted—I agree with the assistant M.O.H. Is not the building in the European Reservation?

The Hon. D. P. W. minuted—This building is not in the European Reservation, but this does not affect the matter.

Mr. A. RUMJAHN—I think it is in the European Reservation.

The Hon. Mr. JONES—No, that is on the other side of the road.

The Hon. Mr. BREWIN—All Caine Road is in the European Reservation.

The PRESIDENT moved, the Hon. Mr. BREWIN seconded, and it was agreed that the application be refused.

FIVE STOREY HOUSES.

A further application was made for a modification of the requirements in respect of a building on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 402 Robinson Road.

This application was in respect of Station Hotel. The applicant desired to erect five storey wings at the rear of the building.

His Honour, after hearing the evidence, found the defendants to be partners in the Tai Lung firm, and he gave judgment for the plaintiff firm with costs.

THE HO FAT KEE T. LI KAN TAI.

The plaintiff in this action claimed \$130 plus \$10,510 being costs and \$50 expense on account of a bailiff. Mr. O. D. THOMSON appeared on behalf of the plaintiff firm of contractors, doing business at No. 49, Queen's Road East. The defendant, a junk-owner whose junk is under arrest, appeared in person. The plaintiff alleged that the money had been lent by him to the defendant.

Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C., minuted—I think that the new plan may be accepted.

Mr. A. RUMJAHN minuted—I agree with Mr. Pollock.

The Hon. Registrar-General minuted—The acceptability of this plan seems to depend upon the probability of the neighbouring lot owners not making as much use as they can of their lots. This is not very likely. What does the community gain and what does it lose by our accepting this plan?

The PRESIDENT—The community gains an addition of 400 square feet around the building which could not be insisted upon.

The Hon. Mr. BREWIN—I do not think it worth it. I do not think the benefit is worth allowing an extra storey to exclude light and increase surface crowding.

Mr. F. J. BADELEY—The matter goes to the Governor in Council.

The Hon. Mr. BREWIN—I move the Board decline to recommend, and leave the matter for the consideration of the Government. It is an exceptional thing for houses to exceed four storeys here. They ought to give some reason for the rule to be relaxed. The M.O.H. says that 400 feet will be given to increase in height the building. I think four storeys high enough for any building.

I move that we recommend the application be refused.

Mr. E. A. HEWETT—if the Board establish a precedent it may have a far-reaching effect—it might lead to the introduction of five storey buildings calculated to promote over-crowding. So many more storeys, so many more people to the acre!

Dr. F. CLARKE—it is going to be a European hotel.

Mr. E. A. HEWETT—it may later be converted into a Chinese hotel.

Mr. FUNG WA CHUN—I second the (Mr. BREWIN's) motion.

The motion was carried.

A BALCONY.

There was an application for permission to erect a balcony in respect of No. 51, Bonham Strand.

Mr. A. RUMJAHN minuted—What about the other requirements? The height of the building should not exceed one and a quarter times the width of the street.

On the motion of the PRESIDENT, seconded by Mr. E. A. HEWETT, the application was granted.

OTHER APPLICATIONS.

Applications respecting the sale and preparation of food were then dealt with.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality statistics for the week ended the 10th December, death rate per 1,000 per annum, showed the following figures:—British and foreign civil population, 15.4; corresponding week last year 15.5; previous week, 41.1; Chinese community, 17.5; corresponding week last year, 15.2; previous week, 16.2.

LIMEWASHING RETURN.

The Limewashing Return for the fortnight ended the 20th inst. showed that 2,981 houses had been attended to in the Central District, and 1,598 houses in the Western District.

BAT RETURN.

During the week ended the 26th inst. 394 rats were caught at Hongkong, including 94 plague infected rats; and 200, including 3 infected, at Kowloon.

The new advertisements in to-day's issue include one by Mr. J. M. G. Pereira, who is doing a small business in the wine trade, announcing the arrival of a consignment of port wine direct from Portugal.

SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, 27th December.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. T. SERcombe SMITH (Puisne JUDGE).

THE PO YIK FIRM V. AU CHUN SANG AND OTHERS.

This was a claim for \$264.79 made by the Po Yik firm, rice merchants, 172, Wing Lok Street; against Au Chun Sang, Au Young Shan and Au Young Cheong alias Au Yung, formerly partners in the Tai Lung firm, of No. 356, Des Voeux Road West, on account of goods sold and delivered. The plaintiff also claimed the costs of the action.

Mr. O. D. THOMSON appeared for the plaintiff firm; Mr. BURROW for the third defendant; and Mr. OTTO KONG SING for the first defendant. The second defendant was not represented, and was absent from court when the case was called.

Mr. THOMSON said the only question was whether the defendants had been really partners in the Tai Lung firm. He would prove that they had been, and that the second defendant was the managing partner. They had made payments to the plaintiff firm on various occasions, but when a member of the

plaintiff firm visited the Tai Lung firm to collect money on the 31st October he found the shop closed and only the second defendant on the premises. The second defendant gave full particulars as to who were partners in the Tai Lung firm. The third defendant subsequently, with reference to payment of the money owed by the defendants to the plaintiff firm, said he

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MEXICAN CURRENCY.

The scheme for a reform of the currency which was presented by the Minister of Finance to the Mexican Congress had been expected for some time past. Soon after the success of the Indian currency reform was fully recognised, Mexico took steps to investigate the monetary question in the new light afforded by the experience of the Indian scheme. A small Commission of Mexican experts in finance visited the United States and Europe, and the result of their investigations was the recommendation of the adoption of some scheme which should practically place the Mexican currency on a gold basis. Considerable objections were raised to this proposal in certain quarters, and the introduction of the measure by the Minister of Finance is regarded as an indication that the scheme is now supported in the highest circles; indeed, private advices from Mexico go so far as to say that the projected law is expected to come into force on January 1 next. The monetary unit will be fixed at 50 cents gold, or, practically, 2s. per dollar. Presumably a new coin will be minted for the purpose of internal circulation; but the old Mexican dollar will, it is believed, continue to be minted upon full security being given that the demand is only for export purposes. As these coins are so largely used in the Far East, the continuance of this will afford a ready channel for getting rid of surplus supplies of Mexican silver. The change, if carried through, will not, it is thought, have so important an effect upon Mexican-business as might have been expected. The recent improvement in the price of silver has raised the value of the Mexican dollar in the past two years from 1s. 4d. to 2s. 4d., at which latter figure it has stood since October 28, so that the fixing of the new dollar at 2s. will involve a rise of 4 to 5 per cent. in the value of the currency. Exporters of goods from Mexico should not feel the change very keenly, whilst all classes in the country, including foreign Corporations working there, will benefit by the fixing of the currency upon a stable basis, and the consequently steadier condition of the exchange. Judging from the experience of the reforms based upon similar lines in the East, the first effect upon the silver market—if the project is carried into effect—may even conceivably be an increased demand for the white metal, as the Mexican Government will have to accumulate a fair stock of the new coins before the currency scheme is put into force. The after-effects, however, should be to diminish the amount of silver used in Mexico, especially in such a progressive country as this, where the scheme may subsequently be carried to the actual employment of gold, to some extent, in the circulation.

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W. JULIA GRAY or MENEZIES will communicate with the undersigned she will hear of something to her advantage. The above was last heard of in Hongkong about the year 1865. Her husband Henry Menezies was then mate of the S.S. "Yesso" trading with Hongkong.

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native humour."Don't believe, sir, all that Nikifor tells
you; you know he hails from the village of
Kobekofka, the people of which, all and sundry,
are famous as braggarts, and he tells lies, just
like all the rest. But I will tell you the truth
of the affair. I come from Kebekofka. Well
we were with the whole division as it retreated
from Sui-nut-si. After we had gone a day's
march we were distanced and formed small
detachments. Nikifor, Pams, and I were sent
off to reconnoitre. The sun was going
down, so we halted and entrenched ourselves as
well as we could. The scent of flowers was all
around us. Manchuria is indeed a heathenish
land, and therefore I will—still, it is a lovely
place. Before we laid ourselves down to rest,
we thought we would take a bath in a little
river that ran before us at a distance of about a
couple of hundred paces. You know, we
Orthodox must have our bath. We had gone
only a few steps when we observed about a
dozen almond-eyed yellow-skins. The devil
only knows where the rascals had come from,
but there they were, just as if they had popped
out of the ground. True is it that the yellow-skins
are not the worst enemies, although they are so sly and artful. We
were not exactly frightened on seeing the
enemy in larger numbers than ourselves; all
the same, it became unpleasant when the
foe advanced against us at a sharp trot. What
was to be done? We had left our rifles and
bayonets behind. There was no help for it; we
must try to get the better of the yellow-skins
by camping. So, while the Japanese were
hidden in a small ravine as they were coming up,
we hid ourselves. Pams climbed up big
trees, growing most conveniently, and dis-
appeared among its branches; I crept into a
large thicket, and Nikifor ran down to the
river and hid himself so carefully among the
boulders that he could scarcely be seen. We
managed to hide ourselves only just in the
nick of time, for the almond-eyed foe came up
and halted just in front of the thicket in which
I was concealed. Then, in their heathenish
language, which no honest Christian under-
stands (Nikifor says he 'can make out what
they say'), but Nikifor comes from Kebekofka,
the little yellow rascals held a council of war.
Before I could repeat three 'Pater-nosters' the
yellow devils had settled what they would do.
Nine of them rode off in various directions,
while the tenth, who seemed to be in command,
stationed himself so close to my thicket that I
could almost have seized him in my arms. I
cursed my lot in not having my rifle with me,
for it would have been so easy just to have
settled the rascal with one thrust of my bayonet.
I dared scarcely breathe as I kept my eye on
the foe. How trim and clean he was in a
brand-new uniform with facings of rich
embroidery in gold.""All at once the Japanese took a piece of
paper out of his pocket and opened it out,
and I don't know how he did it—in a
twinkling he had turned the paper into a
drinking-cup. Then he walked down to the
river, took a deep breath, filled his paper goblet
with the refreshing water, and bore it to his
lips. I envied him that draught. As I
watched him and saw that the draught was
greatly to his liking, I could not help calling
out to him, like a good Christian, 'Good health.
Great heavens!' What was the result of my
doing so? That Japanese pulled a whistle out
of his pocket, blew a shrill blast on it, and in
a twinkling up popped his comrades from all
sides; they dragged me out of the thicket and
handcuffed me. Well, while I was considering
how I could manage to give them the slip,
Nikifor came to me from the river-bank. 'Ivan,
you surely are not going to surrender to those
fellows.' Then down he popped his silly head;
but he was too late. If he had not betrayed
himself by calling out, the Japanese would
never have found him. As it was, they went
after him and returned to me dragging Nikifor
along. It served him right for interfering
in my affairs without being asked to give
his opinion. So the Japanese made ready to
take us away with them. Just as we were moving
off, Pams calls out mockingly from his
hiding-place in the thicket: 'Oh, you fatheads,
you fatheads, if only you had kept your tongues
quiet!' Our comrade's scorn coming from his
hiding-place made us mad with rage; we wanted
to get at him. But the Japanese, the yellow
heathens, broke out into fiendish laughter, and
then one of them skipped up the tree and
dislodged the shamefaced Pams by pricking
him with a bayonet. We were marched off to
destroy, so in the old days wars were conducted
with dignity and honour, although no journalist
followed the movements of the armies, although
no telegraphic wire transmitted their victories
and defeats to the ends of the earth.One newspaper is bold enough to charge Japan
with departing from the military usage of all
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MAS-APQUA, British str., 1,936, H. Scott, 27th December—New York and Manila 23rd December, General—Shewan, Tomes & Co.
MEFFO, Chinese str., 1,821, J. Whitlaw, 27th December—Canton 26th Dec., General—Chinese.
SISIAN, British str., 869, Stringer, 27th Dec., Shanghai 21st Dec., General—Master.

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27th December.

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Palomotta, British str., for Amoy.
Peleus, British str., for Nagasaki.

DEPARTURES.

27th December.
CHINA, Austrian str., for Shanghai.
CHITUNG, British str., for Australia.
GERMANIA, German str., for Bangkok.
HALLOG, British str., for Swatow.
HANOI, French str., for Haiphong.
ITAUARA, British str., for Yokohama.
KORAT, German str., for Bangkok.
LYKEMOON, German str., for Shanghai.
MANCHURIA, Amur str., for San Francisco.
SHAHEZADA, British str., for Canton.
TEAN, British str., for Manila.
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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1904. [254]

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [257]

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AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	MOTUNE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Davis	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	HYSON	Brit. str.	1 m.	Charbonnel	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th Jan.
MARSEILLES &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	PRIMA	Brit. str.	1 m.	C. Dowers	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 31st Jan.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	DUMBEA	Fren.str.	—	von Hoff	MELCHERS & CO.	On 10th Jan., at 1 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SEYDILY	Ger. str.	k. w.	Porzelius	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ARMENIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 1st Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	C. FRED. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	k. w.	Förck	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	AMBRIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Füller	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 22nd Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Behr, us	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 27th Jan.
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HAVRE & HAMBURG	GIHLA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Standard Oil Co.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 20th Mar.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	HECTOR	Brit. str.	1 m.	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 30th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SHIMOSA	Brit. str.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 25th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SENPAC	Brit. str.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 20th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	RUS ISSA	Brit. str.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	W. E. Beetham, R.N.E.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 11th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	EMPERESS OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	Burwiss	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	PELUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	T. W. Garlick	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 14th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	TRIMONT	Brit. str.	—	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 9th Jan., at Daylight.
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HAVRE & HAMBURG	TRIUMPH	Jap. str.	—	Schlieker	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
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Princes' Buildings, Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904.

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OUTWARDS.

FROM STEAMERS DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL "PRIAM" On 4th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL "WRAYCASTLE" On 5th January.

HOMEBWARDS.

FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and "MOYUNE" On 3rd January.
ANTWERP "HYSON" On 17th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and "HECTOR" On 26th January.
ANTWERP "GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL" On 31st January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and "PRIAM" On 31st January.
ANTWERP Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and "PELEUS" On 28th December.
"PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA" For freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL
SHANGHAI "TAIWAN" On 28th December.
KOBE "KASHING" On 29th December.
MANILA "TAMING" On 3rd January.
"TAIYUAN" On 3rd January.

POR DARWIN, THURSDAY
ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, "TAIWAN" On 20th January.
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Hongkong, 28th December, 1904.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

STEAMERS. SAILING DATES.

SEYDLITZ WEDNESDAY 4th January 1905
ROON WEDNESDAY 18th January
BAYRN WEDNESDAY 1st February
ZIETEN WEDNESDAY 15th February
SACHSEN WEDNESDAY 1st March
PRINZESS ALICE WEDNESDAY 15th March
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD WEDNESDAY 29th March
PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY 12th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH WEDNESDAY 26th April

ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of JANUARY, 1905, at NOON, the Steamship "SEYDLITZ", Captain C. Dewar, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 2nd January. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 3rd January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 3rd January.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1904.

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S.S. "SWANLEY" Captain J. P. Dawson.
S.S. "CRANLEY" Captain W. E. Steele.
S.S. "IKBAL" Captain M. Robertson.
S.S. "ASCOT" Captain E. E. Cox.
S.S. "INKUM" Captain E. S. Pearce.
S.S. "SIKH" Captain J. Rowley.
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For Freight or Passage apply to SHEWAN, TOME & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904.

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Algerine, sloop, 1,550 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 h.p., in reserve, Hongkong.

Amphitrite, 1st class cruiser, 11,000 tons, 18 h.p., Capt. Charles Windham, C.V.O., Weihaiwei.

Andromeda, cruiser, 12,500 tons, Capt. Nelson Ommenay, Weihaiwei.

Astraea, 2nd class cruiser, 4,360 tons, 10 guns, 7,000 h.p., Captain Lionel G. Tunstall, Singapore.

Bramble, gunboat, 710 tons, 6 guns, 1,300 h.p., in reserve, Hongkong.

Briton, gunboat, 710 tons, 6 guns, 1,300 h.p., in reserve, Hongkong.

Centaur, battleship, 10,500 tons, Capt. Fegen, Weihaiwei.

Fame, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6 guns, 5,700 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. Aaser, Hongkong.

Glory, battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 13,500 h.p., Capt. Hon. W. G. Stopford, Hongkong.

Handy, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., in reserve.

Hart, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Weihaiwei.

Hummer, steamer, 1,640 tons, Comdr. P. M. Eustace, Hongkong.

Iphigenia, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, Capt. Fawcett, Shanghai.

Janns, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 3,900 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. J. A. Gregory, Weihaiwei.

Kinsh, river gunboat, 331 tons, Lieut.-Comdr. Christopher P. Metcalf, on Yangtsze.

Moors, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. F. B. Noble, West River.

Ocean, battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 13,500 h.p., Captain Great, C.M.G., Weihaiwei.

Otter, torpedo-boat destroyer, 350 tons, in reserve.

Phoenix, sloop, 1,015 tons, 6 guns, 1,400 h.p., in reserve, Hongkong.

Rambler, surveying-ship, 583 tons, Comdr. Chas. E. Monroe, Labuan.

Robin, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Vaughan, Hongkong.

Rosario, sloop, 950 tons, 6 guns, 1,140 h.p., in reserve, Hongkong.

Sandpiper, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. L. W. Jones, West River.

Sirius, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, Capt. C. H. H. Moore, Weihaiwei.

Snipe, river gun-boat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Ernest W. G. Davidson, Yangtse.

Taku, torpedo-boat destroyer, 250 tons, 6 guns, 5,600 h.p., Hongkong.

Tamar, receiving ship, 4,600 tons, 6 guns, Commodore C. G. Dieken, on Hongkong.

Teal, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. E. F. Dugmore, on Yangtse.

Theia, cruiser, 3,400 tons, Capt. J. C. A. Wilkinson, Hongkong.

Tweed, gunboat, 362 tons, 3 guns, 200 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. R. H. Keast, Hongkong.

Vengeance, battleship, 12,950 tons, 12 guns, 13,500 h.p., Capt. L. C. Stuart, C.M.G., Hongkong.

Virago, torpedo-boat destroyer, 350 tons, in reserve.

Waterwitch, surveying-ship, 520 tons, 450 h.p., Comdr. E. C. Hardy, Hongkong.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

The public are requested to post their local New Year Cards early. Attention is called to page 5, paragraph 50, of the Hongkong Postal Guide, which has reference to the stamping and posting of New Year Cards. Cards which are sealed or forwarded in closed covers with the corners cut off or with notched ends will be treated as letters and cannot be forwarded at Postage Post. The 2nd and 3rd of January 1905, having been declared public holidays, the Post Office will be closed, except from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one Delivery and one Collection on Sundays. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed. In future, the following will be the hours of clearance of Pillar Boxes in Kowloon: Cosmopolitan Dock 8.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m. 4.15 a.m., 1.00 p.m. Hung Hom Dock 9.00 a.m., 1.00 p.m. Yau Ma Tei Police station 9.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m. Gas Works 1.45 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. Cameran Road 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 1.45 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. On Sundays there will be one clearance only.

The Auspicious, with the French mail of the 26th November, left Saigon on Saturday, the 24th inst., at 3 p.m., and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 22nd October.

The Correspondent, with the English Mail of the 2nd December, left Singapor on Sunday, the 25th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on about Saturday, the 31st inst.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FCR PER DATE

Conton Kinshan Wednesday, 28th, 7.30 A.M.

Macao Wingchau Wednesday, 28th, 7.30 A.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver (B.C.) Athenian Printed Matter and Samples 10.00 A.M.

Bangkok Brunhilde Letters 10.00 A.M.

Macau Heuzen Wednesday, 28th, 1.00 P.M.

Singapore, Samarang and Sourabaya Fouang Wednesday, 28th, 2.00 P.M.

G. Apcar Wednesday, 28th, 2.00 P.M.

Java Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.

Kwang Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.

Taiwan Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.

Koshing Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.

Tsachau Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.

Horfu Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.

Fatshan Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.

Hongkong Wednesday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.

Wingchau Thursday, 29th, 7.30 A.M.

Hankow Thursday, 29th, 7.30 A.M.

Haiching Thursday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.

Kwangseng Thursday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.

Powen Thursday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.

Fatshan Friday, 30th, 7.30 A.M.

Wingchau Friday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.

Lokhang Friday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.

Loongsang Friday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.

Honam Friday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.

Canton Wednesday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.

Takling and Wuchow Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club Germany, Club House, 5.30 p.m.

Pollard's Lilliputian Open Co., Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sale, Household Furniture, Sale Rooms, Mr. Gee. P. Lamert, 2.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

27th December

*N LONDON— Telegraphic Transfer 1/11

Bank Bills, on demand 1/11

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/11

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/11

Credits, at 4 months' sight 1/11

Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1/11

ON PARIS— Bank Bills, on demand 244

Credits, at 4 months' sight 247

ON GERMANY.— On demand 198

ON NEW YORK— Bank Bills, on demand 478

Credits, 60 days' sight 481

ON ROMANY.— Telegraphic Transfer 1442

Bank, on demand 1443

ON CALCUTTA.— Telegraphic Transfer 1441

Bank, on demand 1441

ON SHANGHAI— Bank, at sight 711

Private, 30 days' sight 721

ON YOKOHAMA— On demand 951

ON MANILA— On demand— Pesos— 934

ON SINGAPORE— On demand— 21 p.c. pm.

ON BATAVIA— On demand— 116

ON HAIPHONG— On demand— 1 p.c. pm.

ON SAIGON— On demand— 1 p.c. pm.

ON BANGKOK— On demand— 61

SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate— \$10.20

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael 564.10

BAR SILVER, def. oz. 28

OPIUM.

27th December.

Quotations are— Allow 10 cent to 1 cent.

Malwa New \$1070 to \$1090 per picul

Malwa Old \$1140 to \$1160

Malwa Older \$1260 to \$1220

Malwa V. Old \$1250 to \$1270

Persian quality \$900 to —

Persian extra fine \$900 to —

Patna New \$1150 to — per cwt.

Patna Old \$— to —

Banaras New \$1165 to —

Banaras Old \$— to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Austrasia* left Saigon on the 24th Dec. at 3 p.m., and is due here to-day.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Cronstrand* left Singapor for this port on the 25th Dec. at noon, and is due here on the 31st Dec. about noon.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. steamer *Sedlitz* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 25th Dec. p.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 3rd Jan.

The I.G.M. steamer *Bayern* left Colombo on Saturday, p.m., and may be expected here on Thursday, the 5th Jan.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *Korea*; from San Francisco to the 3rd Dec. via Honolulu left Yokohama for this port on the 25th Dec. a.m., via Kobe, etc.

THE MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The A.L. steamer *Gisela* left Shanghai for this port on the 24th Dec. p.m.

The Glen Line steamer *Glenlogan* left Singapor on the 22nd Dec., and is due here to-day.

The N.C. steamer *Tatyan*, from Australian ports, left Sydney on the 7th Dec., and is due here to-day.

The C. & M. steamer *Rubi* left Amoy on the 27th Dec. at 2 p.m., and is due here to-day at 3 p.m.

The steamer *Shimosa* left Singapore for this port on the 24th Dec.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Priam* left Singapor on the 24th Dec. at daylight, and is due here on the 30th Dec.

The H.A.L. steamer *Aradicia*, from Hamburg, left Singapor for this port on the 24th Dec. p.m., and is due here on the 31st Dec.

The Boston U.S. Co.'s steamer *Tremont* arrived at Yokohama on the 13th Dec.

The steamer *Lothair Castle* left New York on the 5th Dec.

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Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at 8.30 a.m. (Sunday excepted), 9 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. (Saturday excepted). Departures from Canton to Hongkong daily at 8.30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. (Sunday excepted).

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Departures from Hongkong to Macao on weekdays at 8.30 p.m. Departures on Sundays at 12.30 p.m. Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8.30 a.m.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN," 219 tons, Captain T. Hamlin.

This Steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8.30 a.m. and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m.

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S.S. "SAINAM," 583 tons, Captain J. Wilcox.

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